



SALEM TO HOST NATIONAL AAU BASKETBALL STARTING TUESDAY

Girls 14-and-Under Event Features 37 Teams

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Virginia's Championships City is once again rolling out the red carpet for a national basketball tournament as the AAU Girls' 14 and under event begins a six-day run in the valley starting next Tuesday, July 21st.

The Salem Civic Center will serve as the anchor for the tournament with other games taking place at satellite gyms throughout the city at Roanoke College, Salem High School and Andrew Lewis Middle School. The 37 teams that are scheduled to compete will have plenty of interested onlookers in the stands, as more than 40 college coaches are slated to attend the tournament and check out the talented, young players.

"Most of the teams coming in are located east of the Mississippi this year, and we have a number of local teams with very talented players who are anxious to compete and see how they measure up against this national competition," says Tournament Director Carey Harveycutter.

This will mark the third time Salem has played host to this national AAU event, and as a father of three grown daughters; Harveycutter knows as well as anyone that with 14-year-old girls you get more than just basketball when they arrive in town.

"We like having the 14-year-olds because they will spend some serious money," says Harveycutter. "They will eat in the restaurants and fill up the hotels, but they also will do plenty of shopping in the Roanoke Valley marketplace."

You can get complete information on the tournament by going to www.salemchampionships.com and clicking on the AAU Tournament logo.

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